

1 playing with us, and I hate to be discourteous because I  
2 think really the Committee was honorable in its intent;  
3 but I think it is misguided.

4 It may seem a little bit unusual for me to  
5 stand here and speak against reference to equal education  
6 and opportunity. However, as I see it, the use of the  
7 phrase, equal educational opportunity is a misnomer, and  
8 it is misleading in its ultimate impact.

9 Every individual, at least allegedly, is born  
10 with an equal right to the opportunity structure of our  
11 society. However, culture, environment, life's circum-  
12 stances with which individuals are confronted because im-  
13 balances or varying levels of readiness to engage in a formal  
14 educational program. Head start programs funded by the  
15 Federal government emerge from the recognition of the  
16 above, are for the many seasoned teachers we have here you  
17 are certainly aware of the intelligence tests, et cetera,  
18 to determine the varying levels of readiness and capabil-  
19 ities that you have among your students; and I would sug-  
20 gest that we talk about equal educational opportunity.

21 I can only think of dollars and cents and the